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Encompassing the Coastal Communities of Ocean Falls, Bella Bella, Denny Island, Oweekeno and the Bella Coola Valley

January 2, 2019

Dear Townsite Water System Customer,

RE: 2019 water toll increase

The Board of Directors for the Central Coast Regional District has approved an increase to water tolls for the Townsite Water System effective January 1, 2019.

For the most part, the water tolls have remained unchanged since 1997. This has been achievable because much of what would normally be considered routine maintenance or repairs was deferred and also because there has been only one small increase in the cost of water from the Nuxalk Nation back in 2007.

Currently CCRD collects about \$35,000 in revenue through water tolls. In 2018 we spent approximately \$48,000. Of that \$48,000, only about \$3,000 of it is what could be called discretionary spending, and that was for surveying of the water system shut-off valves so they can be located in the event of an emergency.

This means that the CCRD is spending \$13,000 more on water system expense than we are realizing in revenue. This has been facilitated by eating into an existing carry forward surplus. This surplus is almost exhausted and it is desirable to keep what remains as a contingency in the event a significant repair is required.

Initial budgeting for 2019 shows that we can anticipate expenditures of \$54,824. This is without any contingency, but does include funds for water system repairs and a rates and charges / asset management review process. It also includes an anticipated inflationary increase of approximately \$3500 in the amount paid to the Nuxalk Nation for water.

To get revenues to \$54,824, water tolls are being increased by about 54% in each rate category. As an example, this means a single family dwelling with a ¾" service will pay an annual water toll of \$216.00 and commercial/light industrial 1" service will pay \$898.00.

Please find attached to this letter a copy of Bylaw No. 485 with the new rates and charges, as well as an invoice for your 2019 water toll. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ken McIlwain at ph. (250) 799-5291 or by email at pwm@ccrd-bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Ken McIlwain
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